July SIR HENRY UNTON MADE AMBASSADOR TO THE
FRENCH KING

Sir Henry Unton is appointed ambassador to the French King, being furnished with certain instructions signed by the Queen's own hand

He is commanded in all his behaviour to preserve the leputation and royal dignity of her Majesty, and especially by observing the rites of religion and following the form of Daily Prayer both himself and his household according to the Church of England as established by law To acquaint himself with the ambassadors of Venice and of the Duke of Florence, and through them to learn of the affairs of Italy, as well as of the Pope and the King of Spam , and if any should come from the King of Scots or the King of Denmark or any other of the Protestant Princes of the Empire, to let them understand how friendly the Queen is to them With regard to the money which is owing from the French King, not to press for it by any expostulation or to move any nnkindness, but to put him in remembrance of the benefits he hath received

He shall have especial regard to the actions of the Earl of Essex, giving him understanding from time to time what 13 thought of them, approving to him what are considered to be good, informing of such things as are to the contrary, and giving him good advice to reform them He is charged on his allegiance not to fear to deal plainly with the Earl

i$thjuly A RESTRAINT OF PLAYING

Notwithstanding former orders to restrain the playing of interludes and plays on the Sabbath day, these orders are being neglected to the profanation of this day, and by reciting their plays on all other days of the week, the players

cause great hurt to the game of bear baiting and like pastimes maintained for the Queen's pleasure The Lord Mayor and the Justices of Middlesex and Surrey are required to take order that no plays be shown openly either on Sunday or on Thursday when the games are usually practised

26th July THE TRIAL AND CONDEMNATION OF WILLIAM RACKET*

This day Hacket was brought up from Bridewell to the Sessions house near Newgate for trial before the Commissioners,